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Serial No. : 10/827,175  
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For : CONVEYOR FOR TRANSPORTING LOAD CARRIERS

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An early and favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the information cited in the Statement and return an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A to confirm the Examiner's consideration of the cited information.

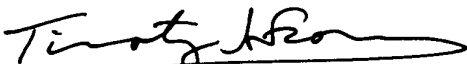
Claims 1-44 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-14, 16-18, 20, 24, 27-29, 32-34, 36-41, 43 and 44 have been amended above. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-44 are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested.

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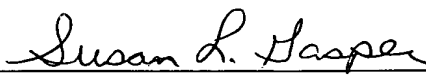
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